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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
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TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Continued	Lee Harvey Oswald Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE AT: New Orleans, Louisiana	PERIOD COVERED: November 23-27, 1963	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY: SA Anthony E. Gerrots SAIC John W. Rice		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Investigation disclosed that when arrested at New Orleans on 8-9-63 for fighting with three Cuban anti-Castroites Lee Harvey Oswald was found to be in possession of literature pertaining to the "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE", whose home office or national organization appears to be located at 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y. Some such literature bore the name and address "A. J. Hidell, P. O. Box 30016, New Orleans, La.", whereas other such literature bore the rubber stamp impression " F P C C 544 Camp St., New Orleans, La." To date the investigation has failed to disclose the identity or possible present whereabouts of A. J. Hidell.

An extensive investigation is being conducted in an effort to ascertain whether the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE ever actually had office space in the small 3-story building located at 544 Camp Street, New Orleans.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports submitted by the New Orleans office, particularly report of SA Adrian G. Vial dated 12-3-63.

On the afternoon of 11-23-63 reporting agent contacted Lt. Paul Dyer, Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department. He furnished the names and addresses of the three Cuban anti-Castroites who had been arrested for fighting with Lee Harvey Oswald on 8-9-63 at New Orleans as follows:

DISTRIBUTION	COPIES	REPORT MADE BY	DATE
~~Central~~	Orig. & 2 cc's	Anthony E. Gerrots	12-4-63
Dallas	2 cc's	SPECIAL AGENT: Anthony E. Gerrots	
New York	2 cc's	APPROVED: John W. Rice	DATE: 12-4-63
New Orleans	2 cc's	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: John W. Rice	

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Carlos Jose Bringuier - White; male; 29
501 Adele Street - Apt. "F"
New Orleans, La.

Celso M. Hernandez - White; male; 47
519 Adele Street - Apt. "E"
New Orleans, La.

Miguel Mariano Cruz - White; male; 18
2526 Mazant Street - Apt. "C"
New Orleans, La.

Lt. Dyer indicated that at the time of Oswald's arrest on the above-mentioned date, he was found to be in possession of a quantity of literature pertaining to the "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE"; that the national organization for this committee was shown to be located at 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y. He also said that some of the leaflets which were found in Oswald's possession bore the name of "A. J. HIDELL P. O. Box 30016 NEW ORLEANS, LA."

Lt. Dyer also advised that a small booklet which had been seized from Oswald and which bore the title "The Crime Against Cuba" bore the following rubber stamp impression: F P C C 544 CAMP ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA."

Lt. Dyer stated that he would be happy to furnish our Service with copies of the various pamphlets, booklets, etc. which had been seized from Oswald at the time of his arrest on 8-9-63.

He was informed that at the first opportunity a representative of this Service would call upon him in person and discuss this matter with him.

At 3:00 P. M. on 11-23-63 reporting agent telephonically inquired of Postal Inspector J. J. Zarza, New Orleans, as to Post Office Box 30016, New Orleans. Inspector Zarza stated that the correct number of this Post Office Box is 30061. He stated that this box is located in the Lafayette Square Station, which in turn is located on the first floor of the Old Federal Building, 600 South Street, this being the building in which our office is located. He said that this box was rented on 6-3-63 to L. H. Oswald, 657 French Street, New Orleans, La.; that French Street is located in the Lakeview section of New Orleans but that there is no such address as "657 French Street" in New Orleans. (It is believed that this address should be 757 French Street, which is the address of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Murrett, uncle and aunt of Lee Harvey Oswald). Inspector Zarza stated that the FBI has the original application for this Post Office Box, it having been turned over to an FBI Agent on 11-23-63 who was conducting an investigation with reference to Lee Harvey Oswald. Inspector Zarza further advised that the persons designated by Oswald to receive mail in this Post Office box were: A. J. Hidell and Marina Oswald.

Postal Inspector Zarza also informed me that on 9-24-63 Lee Harvey Oswald had sent a change of address through the mail, requesting that any mail addressed to him care Post Office Box 30061, New Orleans, be forwarded to him as follows: Lee Harvey Oswald, 2515 W. Fifth Street, Irving, Texas. Inspector Zarza stated that this change of

address was received at the Lafayette Square Branch Post Office on 9-26-63, and the change of address became effective that date, also that Oswald's Post Office Box at this station was closed as of that date (9-26-63).

At 3:15 P. M. on 11-23-63 reporting agent contacted the New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Identification, and spoke with Technician Anthony Guardina, with request that he check very carefully for a record on A. J. Hidell or Hydell. Mr. Guardina later informed me that no record of anyone by the name of Hidell or Hydell could be found in the indices of the Bureau of Identification. Reporting agent has had the records of the New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Identification, checked several times since 11-23-63, but in each instance the employee making the check of the indices reported that no record could be found of anyone named Hidell or Hydell.

Numerous persons interviewed during this investigation have stated that they did not know of anyone named A. J. Hidell or similar name.

On the afternoon of 11-27-63 SAIC John W. Rice and reporting agent interviewed Lt. Paul Dyer, Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department. He exhibited his file on Lee Harvey Oswald, which reflected Oswald's FBI number to be 327 925 D. The file reflected that Oswald had been in the U. S. Marine Corps, his serial number with the USMC being shown as 1653230. Oswald was shown to have been on active duty from 10-24-56 through 9-11-59. With reference to this period of enlistment he was shown to have received an honorable discharge.

The Intelligence Unit's file showed Oswald's date and place of birth as 10-18-39 at New Orleans, La. He was shown to be 5'9" tall and to have weighed 140 lbs. as of 8-9-63. As of 8-9-63 Oswald was shown to have been unemployed about three weeks. It was shown that he had worked for the Luzianne Coffee Company (Wm. B. Reily & Co., Inc.) for about three months. It was also shown that he had worked in Fort Worth for a sheet metal company for several months.

Lt. Dyer stated that when interviewed subsequent to his arrest at New Orleans on 8-9-63, Oswald was evasive as to his prior personal history or background.

Oswald's wife's name was shown as Marina Pross and he was shown to have been married in Fort Worth, Texas. Oswald was shown as having two brothers - Robert Oswald, age 27, and John Oswald, age 32. His father, reportedly deceased, was shown to have been named John Lee Oswald. His mother's name was shown as Marguerite _____ Oswald - Fort Worth, Texas, no street address being shown. It was indicated that she lives alone.

Lt. Dyer stated that when Oswald was questioned as to how he became affiliated with the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE he alleged that he had found a leaflet on the street several months prior to his arrest on 8-9-63 from the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, which leaflet, according to Oswald, bore a New York address. The inference was that Oswald had written to this organization's New York address and applied for membership.

Lt. Dyer stated that when arrested at New Orleans on 8-9-63 he had in his possession cardboard signs reading: "VIVA VIVA FIDEL." He stated that Oswald gave the police the impression that he was uninformed as to the ultimate goals, purposes, and organization

of the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE. Lt. Dyer advised that Oswald did say that the people attending meetings were working class people such as Clerks, Tradesmen, etc. He said that Oswald would not give names or meeting locations. Oswald is said to have denied to the police that the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE was Communist or a Communist front, and to have also denied that he (Oswald) was a Communist.

Lt. Dyer stated that when arrested on 8-9-63 at New Orleans Oswald had in his possession two cards as follows:

(1) - National Membership Card FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE issued 5-28-63. President's name as shown on card: "V. T. LEE, National Organization - 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y."

(2) - Local Membership Card - N. O. Chapter FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, dated 6-6-63, President: A. Hidell.

Lt. Dyer indicated that subsequent to his arrest on 8-9-63 Oswald had been interviewed by Sgt. Horace J. Austin and Patn. Warren Roberts, both of whom were at that time assigned to the Intelligence Unit. Patn. Warren Roberts is reported to be presently assigned to duty at the First District Police Station, New Orleans.

Former Civil Aeronautics Patrol acquaintances of Lee Harvey Oswald, as contained in the New Orleans Police Department, Intelligence Unit, files are:

Joe Thompson and Edward Voogel - Attended school with Oswald
George Piazza - No address shown

Lt. Dyer stated that David William Ferrie, whose name came up during the course of this investigation at New Orleans and on whom a separate report will be submitted, is the owner of an airplane, which is out of commission and was last known to be parked on the west ramp at the New Orleans Airport, located on the lakefront, in a "tied down" position. Lt. Dyer stated that this plane is a Stinson Voyager N. C. #M8293K, green and white in color, and not in serviceable condition.

Lt. Dyer stated that one JOHN IRION knew Oswald and Ferrie in C.A.P. years ago, and indicated that possibly TONY ATHZENHOFF and JOHN CIRAVOLO also knew Oswald and Ferrie about that time. No addresses were shown for these individuals. An attempt will be made to locate and interview them at as early a date as possible.

During the interview with Lt. Dyer, Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department, on 11-27-63, he surrendered to us a booklet titled "The Crime Against Cuba" by Corliss Lamont. This booklet was shown to have been copyrighted 1961 by Basic Pamphlets, First printing - June, 1961, Mary Redmer, Editor. On the inside of the last page of this booklet the following rubber stamp impression appears: "F P C C 544 CAMP ST. NEW ORLEANS, LA." Every effort is being made to determine whether the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE ever occupied space in the building located at this address.

During the above-mentioned interview, Lt. Dyer also surrendered a yellow propaganda circular which had been recovered from Oswald when he was arrested here on 8-9-63.

The propaganda appearing on this circular reads as follows: "HANDS OFF CUBA!" "Join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee" "New Orleans Charter Member Branch" "Free Literature, Lectures Location: A. J. Hidell P. O. Box 30016 New Orleans, La." "EVERYONE WELCOME!"

Lt. Dyer also surrendered a photostatic copy of an application for membership in The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans, La. The name and address "A J HIDELL P. O. Box 30016 NEW ORLEANS, LA." appeared on this blank application form. He also surrendered two photostatic copies of a circular titled "The Truth about Cuba IS IN CUBA!", published by the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y. These papers had been taken from Oswald at the time of his arrest on 8-9-63 at New Orleans.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Investigation continued.

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